

adult Scout leaders and volunteers, having already been awarded the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards.

Steve's background in Scouting was one of the reasons I reached out to him in 2007 when the Boy Scouts decided to move their National Jamboree from a Virginia military base to a permanent location. As Governor, I assembled a team of government officials and private volunteers to identify the best site in West Virginia and market it to the Boy Scouts. I called the group the West Virginia Project Arrow Task Force, and it was headed by Steve McGowan.

The competition with other States was tough. Proposals were submitted for 82 sites in 28 States. But with Steve as its chief, the West Virginia Project Arrow Task Force hit the bull's eye. The Boy Scouts chose a home in West Virginia—a 10,600-acre site in the New River Gorge, with easy access to white-water rafting, hiking, bicycling and rock climbing.

And this July, this permanent new home for the National Jamboree, the Summit Bechtel National Family Scout Reserve, will welcome more than 40,000 Boy Scouts and their leaders from all across the country to their 10-day long gathering of Scouts. This is going to be a wonderful experience for the Scouts. But it's also going to be an unprecedented opportunity for the entire world to see West Virginia hospitality at its best.

Steve McGowan helped to make all of this happen. And on Friday, when he accepts his Silver Buffalo Award at the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting in Dallas, I hope he will take a well-deserved bow for all his contributions to Scouting. The Boy Scouts oath begins with a promise to do one's best and to do one's duty to God and country, and that is a promise Steve McGowan has kept every day.

Again, I extend my sincerest congratulations to him on being honored with the Silver Buffalo Award, and I thank him for all he has done for the Boy Scouts of America, for God and country and for the great State of West Virginia.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KEITH KLEMMER

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Arkansas's native son, Col. Keith Klemmer, for attaining to the rank of Brigadier General. On June 1 of this year, Col. Klemmer will receive this well-deserved promotion to the rank of Brigadier General at a ceremony in Arkansas.

Colonel Klemmer has served in a variety of positions in the 39th Infantry Brigade, 142nd Fires Brigade, and 87th Troop Command including Battery Commander, Battalion S3, Battalion XO, Battalion Commander, Brigade FSO, Brigade XO, and Brigade Commander. He is a veteran of both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi

Freedom. Colonel Klemmer entered Title 32 Active Guard/Reserve service as a full-time soldier in March 1994. His full-time assignments have included Battalion Training Officer, Battalion and Brigade Administrative Officer, Recruiting and Retention Executive Officer, Recruiting and Retention Manager, Deputy Property and Fiscal Officer for Arkansas, State Training Officer, and Chief of Staff for the Arkansas Army National Guard.

Since October of 2011, Colonel Klemmer has served as the Chief of Staff for the Arkansas Joint Force Headquarters, where he is responsible for synchronizing efforts of unit readiness, force structure, and the sustainment of the National Guard for mobilization and domestic missions, a position which he has commanded with distinction.

Colonel Klemmer is a graduate of Arkansas State University and received a master's degree from the United States Army War College in 2007. He has received numerous awards and decorations for his service to our country, which include two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Arkansas Commendation Medal, and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. His career has been so impressive that he was inducted into the Arkansas Recruiting and Retention Hall of Fame in 2003.

In addition to his excellent military career, Colonel Klemmer is also an assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts, serves as a deacon at his church in Russellville, AK, and is often a featured speaker for numerous local Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events. He and his wife, Sandra, have raised two wonderful children, Rachel and Gunner. Rachel graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harding University in 2010 and served as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office, while Gunner is currently a Trustee Scholar at Harding University.

Colonel Klemmer is a valued servant to the people of Arkansas and the United States of America. Our State and Nation have been fortunate to have Colonel Klemmer's 30 years of service, and I can only hope he can serve another 30 years. I thank him again for his dedication and commitment to keeping our Nation and State safe.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NORM BROWNSTEIN

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today, I wish to speak about a very special Coloradan on the occasion of his 70th birthday—Mr. Norm Brownstein. I am joined by two of my esteemed colleagues, who associate themselves with these remarks today: Majority Leader HARRY REID and my fellow Colorado senator MICHAEL BENNET.

Norm Brownstein is someone who many Americans may not know, but he

is someone who has had an indelible effect on our Nation's public policy over the past several decades.

At root, Norm's story is an American success story. A Coloradan, a husband, a father of three, and a grandfather of four, Norm is someone who advocates passionately on behalf of the causes in which he believes. He is a man who rose from nothing to be involved at the apex of many of our country's most important political debates.

We are proud today to speak on the floor of the United States Senate on behalf of a man known by many of us as the "101st Senator," to wish him a happy birthday, and, on behalf of so many of our colleagues, to let the American people know a little bit about this man.

The son of a Russian immigrant, and an orphan in his teenage years, Norm was not afforded the opportunities granted to many others who find success. And yet, despite his hardships, Norm excelled at academics, and, while working part time at a bicycle shop, became the first in his family to graduate from college. After getting his degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder, he went on to get a law degree there.

Norm may have done well in school, but in the late 1960s the Nation's top firms were not as hospitable as they should have been to talented Jewish lawyers. But that did not stop him. Norm and his childhood friend Steve Farber decided to open up their own firm in 1968 and away they went. Today, that firm—Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck—has 240 lawyers and consultants and 10 offices.

At first, Norm was not involved in politics—instead focusing on building his firm through real estate and other traditional legal work. But as Norm's legal practice grew, so too did his community involvement, as well as his interest in policy and politics.

Norm's firm already was involved very much in Denver and Colorado from a civic standpoint as well as with Colorado's political leaders. But Norm decided to take it to the next level and work with as many political leaders in the country as he could, both Democrats and Republicans. But, unlike so many who develop political relationships to pursue a narrow personal agenda, Norm pursued these political relationships based on his love of Israel and his desire to promote America's relationship with our most important ally in the Middle East. He joined the board of AIPAC, the American/Israel Public Affairs Committee, and if a Member of Congress supported Israel, Norm worked with that Member, to help them help the United States and Israel. This went on for decades. After a while, Norm knew so many Senators so well, he was presented in 2003 with a photograph of this Chamber, with the signature of every senator in the body at that time, to go with a plaque previously signed by several of our colleagues with the title "our 101st Senator".